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E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/11/2016  
 TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINR, MX  
 SUBJECT: ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL RECEIVES FIRST TRANCHE OF  
 COMPLAINTS

REF: MEXICO 3422

Classified By: ACTING POLITICAL CHIEF ALAN MELTZER, REASONS: 1.4(B/D).

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Later in the day, the press reported that the first tranche of 355 complaints had been delivered to the TEPJF; these complaints reportedly consisted of 225 submitted by the PRD-led Coalition for the Benefit of Everyone, 129 submitted by Felipe Calderon's National Action Party, and one submitted by the PRI-led Alliance for Mexico.

#### The Process Before the Tribunal

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3. (U) Our contact explained that political parties must submit their complaints to the corresponding Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) district council within 4 days of the completion of the final district count. Once a complaint is submitted to the district council, the council must post it publicly for 72 hours, during which time other political parties are permitted, as interested third parties, to submit an intervention supporting or refuting the complaint. At the conclusion of this 3-day period, the district council has 24 hours to submit to the TEPJF the original complaint, its response thereto, and any third party interventions. Based upon this timeframe, we understand that all complaints must be delivered to the TEPJF by IFE district councils no later than Friday, July 14.

4. (U) As complaints arrive at the TEPJF, they are assigned on a rotational basis to one of the seven magistrates. Each magistrate studies the complaints assigned to him/her and prepares a proposed resolution. All seven magistrates then meet in a public session to discuss and decide on a resolution of each complaint; decisions are made by a majority vote. To increase the transparency of the process, some or all of the magistrates' sessions may be televised.

5. (U) Our contact explained that parties can challenge the results in individual precincts or in entire electoral districts, which typically consist of hundreds of precincts. He noted, however, that individual precincts can only be challenged where the party's Election Day representative in the precinct registered a protest on the precinct's tally sheet; if the party representative signed the precinct's tally sheet without protest on Election Day, a challenge cannot subsequently be filed against the results from that precinct. A party nevertheless retains the right to protest

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the results in the electoral district in which the precinct  
is located.

Magistrates Enjoy Broad Discretion  
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